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SUBJECT:

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Luis Quintanilla, Mexican Ambassador to OAS
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Ambassador Luis Quintanilla called on me at his request on Friday, July 25. He recounted at great length conversations he said he had had in recent weeks with members of the Soviet Embassy in this city.

The gist of Ambassador Quintanilla's extensive remarks was about the same as that which has been reported by me in earlier memoranda recording his visits to me--that the Soviet representatives are convinced that we are preparing to make war upon the Soviet Union and that their lack of contact with informed Americans makes it impossible for them to obtain an accurate understanding of American thinking.

Senor Quintanilla again mentioned (see my memorandum of June 21, 1951) the desirability of a contact between members of the Department and officers of the Soviet Embassy. I mentioned this to Mr. Bohlen, and should Senor Quintanilla again allude to this possibility, I shall act on Mr. Bohlen's suggestion and inform him that the Soviet Embassy enjoys the normal access to the Department and its officers which all other embassies possess.

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I do not know whether Quintanilla is acting in this respect at the behest of the Soviets, but I am inclined to believe that he is merely being officious and seeking to obtain credit for rendering help to the Department, and possibly trying to overcome the suspicion which he well knows the Department entertains with respect to his own political leanings.

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